




# The Role of the Laboratory in Improving Diagnoses

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# Preventable Diagnostic Errors

- Affect more than **12** million Americans 
- Harm **4** million Americans 
- Contribute to an estimated American deaths per year  **40,000-80,000**

Society to Improve Diagnosis in Medicine. (2018, February 7). *The Roadmap for Research to Improve Diagnosis, Part 1: Converting National Academy of Medicine Recommendations into Policy Action*. Retrieved from <http://www.improvediagnosis.org/page/Roadmap/ClearingtheError>

# Questions for Discussion

- What are practical ways in which CDC, CMS, and FDA can support team-based diagnostic decision-making that includes laboratory professionals as part of the team?
- How can CDC, CMS, and FDA better understand and inform physicians and other healthcare providers about the complexity of laboratory testing?
- What are immediate steps CDC, CMS, and FDA can take to support the laboratory's contribution to diagnostic decision-making?



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